

The following are instructions for sending fecal samples to be tested for parasites. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU LABEL EACH BAG WITH BOTH A NUMBER AND THE ANIMAL'S NAME. Example: If you are sending in three samples for Spot, Snowball, and Roadrunner, you might label the bags Spot #1, Snowball #2, and Roadrunner #3. Then fill in Spot in the number 1 spot and write his name as Spot 1. Snowball goes on line 2 as Snowball 2. And so on and so forth. If you are sending over 9 samples, you will have numbers above 9 and will have to clearly mark this on the forms.

- 1) Collect 1-2 fresh fecal balls or about 1/8 – 1/4 cup of fresh, clean feces from each animal. You may store the samples chilled for as much as 2 days, the fresher the better, and DO NOT FREEZE. Put each sample in a clean Ziploc bag labeled with your name, the animal's name, and the number you assigned.
- 2) Pack several samples into larger Ziploc bags such that every fecal sample is encased in at least two bags.
- 3) Fill out a copy of one of the species-appropriate forms such that each animal has a space on the form (you may need to copy the form) and pack these in yet another bag (in case of leaks!!) with the fecal samples.
- 4) **Send to the following address:**

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- 5) Send using the flat-rate Priority postal envelopes or boxes, an ice pack (an old plastic water bottle can work well), and some insulating material or your own insulated box.

We should have results in a few days, depending on how busy Dr. Bliss is at the time.

Courtesy of : Bobbin Mill Vet Services, Dr Sarah Spencer

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